

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER  
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2015  
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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Norman (Nope) Martin, Chair

Present: John Timken, Mary Oldenburg, Randy Kennedy, Vicky Young and Nancy Robinson

Visitors: Virginia Dean, VT Standard Reporter

John moved to accept the minutes of June 30, 2015 as written. Nope seconded the motion. Brief follow up from previous minutes; school walk-about was held, still a lot of work to do before July 31<sup>st</sup>. Randy has followed up with loggers in Chateaugay, permit has been submitted for approval, and Nancy contacted VTEL, they will be sending the town maps showing buried cables. Motion to accept carried.

**Visitors:** None

**Highway Report:** Rented excavator has been returned. Put in 300 feet of under-drains on hill above Fraser's. Rented a mulcher from True Value to use on the North Bridgewater Road. Will start grading roads and doing ditch and culvert replacement work on Gold Coast Road. David Jenne will be on vacation for 2 weeks after the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A right of way permit was approved for Elizabeth (Betsy) Tyler on Phelps Road and an access permit was approved for John Almonte in Chateaugay.

**Treasurer's File:** An order sheet was signed authorizing payments for FY 15 and current budget year. General account should be pretty much ready to be closed out and the highway account has a few more invoices outstanding for FY 15. A FY 15 budget status report was given to the board for review. Accounts for year-end are pretty much closed out.

**Clerk's File:** Town has received notice from DEC of new and increased permit fees beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Any stream alteration or wastewater treatment facility permits that we apply for will include fees. This is due to the passage of the Clean Water Act. The board reviewed and signed the resolution regarding the adoption of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Adoption certificate will be sent to FEMA for their final review and approval. An information letter from the Visiting Nurse and Hospice (VNH) association was given to the board. VNH and Dartmouth Hitchcock (D-H) are exploring an affiliation that will provide enhanced care to more towns and people.

**New/other:** Discussion of maintenance of the school building. Dehumidifiers need to be "run" in the basement and entryway room. This need to be checked at least once daily and most days twice. John mentioned that he had spoken with Bob Rosenberger and he might be interested in emptying the dehumidifiers and checking the school daily. John moved and Mary seconded to hire Bob Rosenberger at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for approx. 3 hours a week. Motion carried. Mary will let Bob know of this decision and get him a key to the building.

Being no other business Nope moved to enter into executive session per 1 V.S.A. 13 (3) to discuss audit contracts at 5:05 pm. Mary seconded the motion and motion carried.

Returned to open meeting at 5:30 pm. The board received and reviewed five audit quotes ranging in price from \$7,400 to \$14,730 for FY 15. John moved and Nope seconded to hire the firm of Pace & Hawley from Montpelier at a cost of \$9,675. for one year and \$27,475 if the contract is extended to three years pending reference confirmation.

Nope asked the other board members for authorization to clean up the “school” field and remove the goals posts at no cost to the town. Authorization given.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

Nancy Robinson, Clerk